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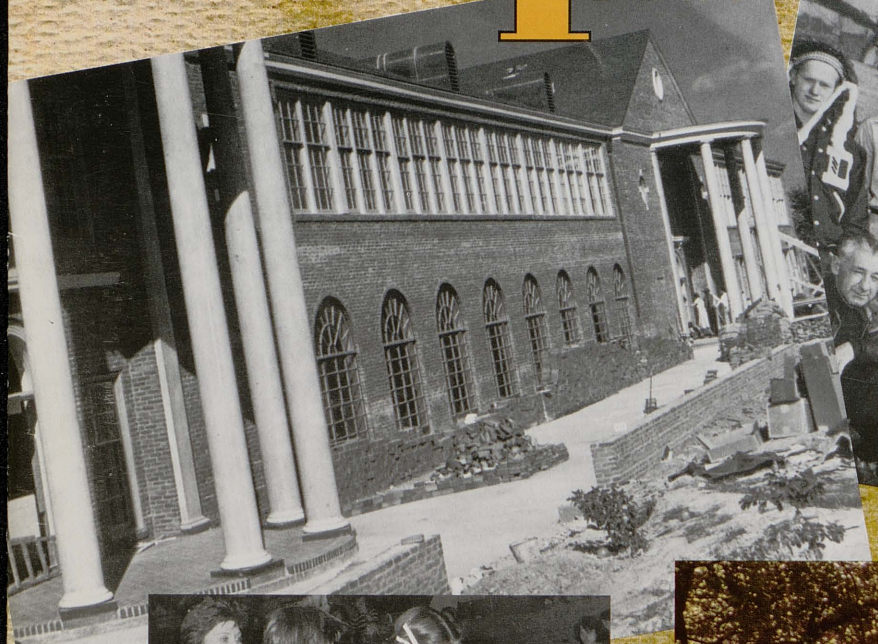

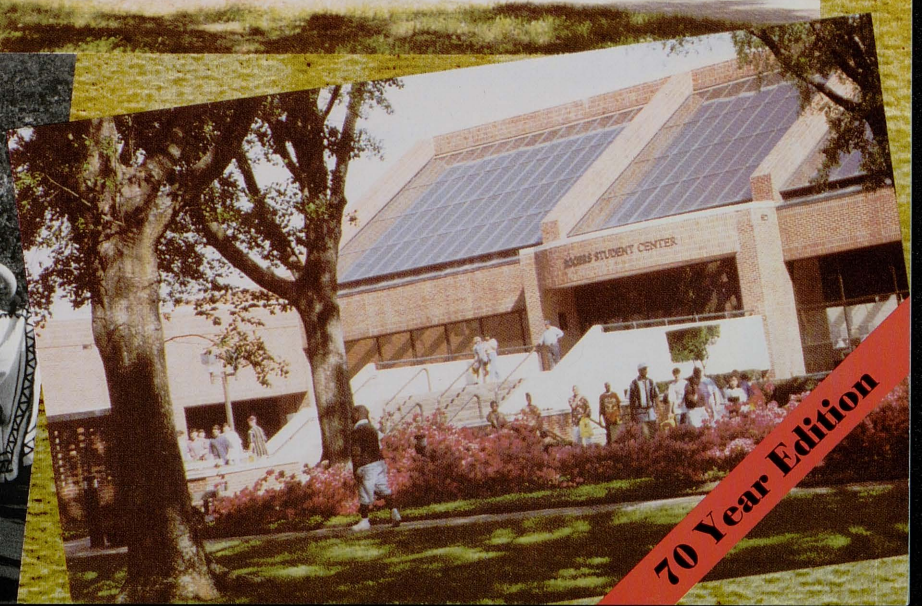

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In this issue...

I would like to turn over this column to an alumni, Dick Johns class of '48. Johns' remarks sent to *The Apache*, epitomize the pride that students of Tyler Junior College have demonstrated throughout its more than 70 year history. A Tyler resident, Johns is a commercial illustrator and author who has remained a great "cheerleader" for TJC.

In writing so admiringly of his classmates and in his true humble way, he fails to mention his lifetime achievements. Most recently, his biography appeared in the 15th edition of the *International Authors* and *Writers Who's Who*, published by the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England, which are circulated throughout the world. Having published three novels and two histories, John's novella, *The Legacy*, was dramatized and presented on NBC Television.

Johns' talent has been used by this office from time to time, the most recent being the design of the Sports Circle of Honor Monument in Wagstaff Gymnasium and the stipple drawings of all the Monument's inductees that hang in Coach Wagstaff's office lounge.

Dick Johns' thoughts on the Class of '48 and Robert Estes' essay in 1929 (pg. 3) both reflect the love and reverence they held for TJC. We want to hear from all of you on what TJC meant to you and what you think we can do to improve as a college. Let us hear from you soon.

D.M.

Dear *Apache* Editor:

Although Tyler Junior College had been around for a number of years, the college as we know it today may be said to have had its genesis in 1946. At least that is what we who were there at that time like to think. And it was because of an assemblage of remarkable students and staff (directed by Dr. Harry Jenkins) whose mark has been left upon the school and the region it serves.

1946 was when the veterans were coming back from World War II, ready to begin the rest of their lives. And it was when others of us, who had barely missed serving in that great conflict, had ended our public school years and had embarked upon our own new beginnings. Many of us, for financial reasons, had opted to spend the first two college years near home and had joined a handful of vets to comprise the first post-war class at TJC.

The middle and late forties will always be TJC's golden years to us for a number of reasons. Primarily, this period saw the inauguration of a first-rate athletic program, inspired by a newly hired young fellow named Floyd Wagstaff. He would coach both football and basketball, but college football was new to the school and to the region, and its impact from that day to this has been immeasurable. For one thing, it had the most delightful effect of having spawned a new concept in drill teams someone suggested be called the Apache Belles.

In 1947 that first football team played for the national championship, an unheard-of feat which says more for Coach Wagstaff than could be put into words here. But as he recollected many years later, "That was a bunch of tough guys." (Some of them, of course, had seen combat, and they were not exactly awed by what might take place on a football field.)

A national championship caliber team has a way of inspiring a student body and a city and a region in boundless ways. TJC, from that time forward, has been an institution to be reckoned with. Many great teams in various sports have followed, but that one may be said to have put the college on the map and laid the foundation for what

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College spirit

The words of Robert Orr Estes, Class of 1931, on the quality of education received at Tyler Junior College and what college spirit is all about are as relevant in 1997 as they were in 1929. We still offer the highest quality education for the best price, we still offer the personal

instruction necessary to ensure success for our students and we still provide the legacy of memories that alumni recant when visiting today's campus—their wonderful years spent in Apacheland.

In July of 1996, Estes established The Robert O. and Marie Estes Presidential Scholarship so his "noble legacy" will live on. Robert Estes died April 14, 1997.

A college is not merely a place to which young people may go and have four years of advanced education poured into one ear with the hope that it will not go out of the other. A college is, and forever will be, I admit, fundamentally an institution of learning; but I do maintain that a college as only a filling station for long, dry facts would not endure. Youth must have some pleasure, affection, and pride to add the proper flavor to these truths if they are to "stick to the ribs" of the intellect. Speaking in the terms of cold, hard business, however, a student, when he has paid his tuition and fees, is entitled to an exposure to a higher education, provided proper conduct is practiced. He has paid for this, and owes nothing more.

So matters stand until school loyalty makes him aware of its presence. A student grasped by that combination of love and admiration feels that he owes more than mere tuition. He feels that this school is *his* school, something worthy of all his talents and skills, something that he must and will defend valiantly upon the field of athletic strife, in the classroom, and years later, in the broad reaches of the business world.

This patriotic feeling is not a faculty pet, a thing carefully sowed and fostered by them. It arises from the individual himself; its strongest ally is human nature. An inborn quality of the human race is the desire for the best of everything. A person buys the best car he can afford; he trades at what he thinks is the best store, where he can get the highest quality of goods at the cheapest price; when he marries, he thinks he has the best wife, and he knows his children are by far the finest on earth. So it is with a student. He will point out just how the benefits of the personal instruction received at his school are superior to that received in the "grab-and-carry" first two years in even those venerable universities of nation-wide fame. And he will uphold the standards of his junior college against those of any other like institution in existence.

When a student passes through the graduation door with a diploma in his hand, he does not whisper that he is through with his "Alma Mater" forever. Indeed it is one of the greatest pleasures in the life of an alumnus to gather the remnants of the Class of—together in the dear old halls and call up afresh the school day memories. When a great university wishes to construct some giant stadium or modern auditorium, it appeals not to the world at large or to its trustees, but to its alumni. Needless to say, those students do not construct it merely because they have spent four or more years within the walls of that college or university, but because of that spirit which gripped them while they were there.

I cannot define college spirit, but I do know that it is some intangible thing that makes an athlete dig harder, a student study harder, friendships grow firmer, and the eyes of an alumnus fill with tears for *his* college. It is a thing which the ravages of age and misfortune can only mellow.

And, students, as the years pass on, more of that noble legacy will become welded into the hearts of the dwellers of Apacheland.

—Robert Estes

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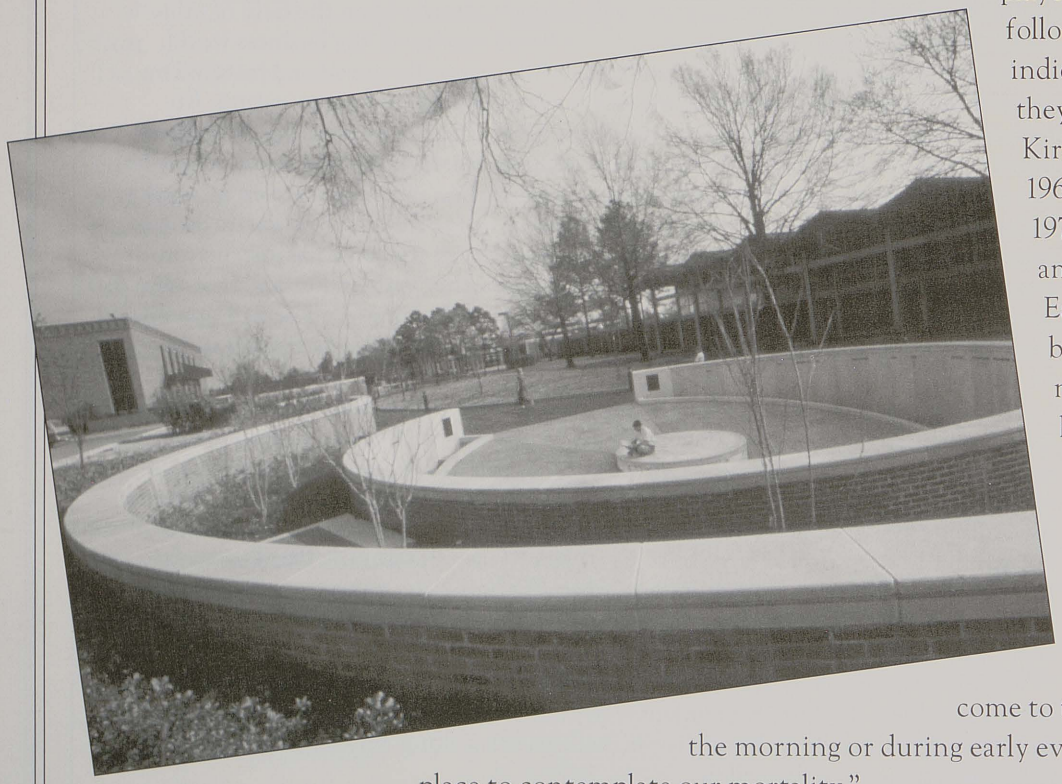
Memorial Service

by Rick Diamond

When President Bill Crowe wanted a way to celebrate and remember the contributions and the lives of TJC faculty, staff, and friends who have died, he began a tradition by holding a memorial service at the Windsor Plaza fountain last year on Founders Day, September 17. This year that tradition was continued again, as a way of beginning the College's annual Founders Day celebration.

At 7:30 a.m., Dr. Crowe addressed a group of about fifty faculty, students, friends and staff. He then read the names of those colleagues who have passed away since last September 17, while the chimes in Ramey Tower played. The list this year included the following names, and the dates indicate the years during which they were employed at TJC: Joseph Kirshbaum, 1950–1977; Myra York, 1964–1984; Isaac C. Sanders, 1944–1976; C. Ray Bagwell, 1968–1996; and Homer W. Eikner, 1956–1972. Each of the persons named has a bronze plaque placed on the memorial wall in honor of his or her service to the College.



To conclude the service, Reverend Mark Jones, Bible Chair for the Baptist Student Union, delivered a prayer of remembrance. Then, Dr. Crowe encouraged all of us to come to the memorial areas: "Early in the morning or during early evening, pause here. It is a good place to contemplate our mortality."

This is the second year for the Memorial Service, and it is no doubt a tradition that will continue—a fitting way to begin the day's observances of TJC's proud past, through honoring those who came before and offered their service and commitment.

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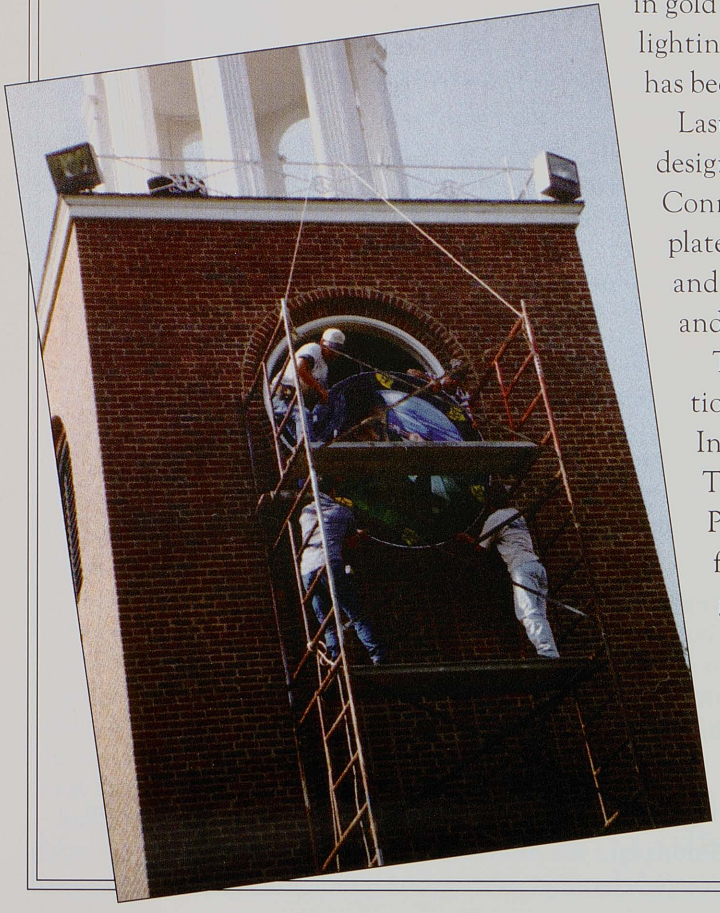
Ramey tower

by Rick Diamond

At 11:00 a.m. on September 17 of this year, Ramey Tower's new bell chimes sounded a beautiful program to begin the dedication ceremony of its stained glass window, the newest addition to the tower. The window's installation completed Ramey Tower's renovation, begun in 1995.

Ramey Tower was completed in 1956, an addition to Jenkins Hall, built with funds contributed by the late T. B. Ramey, a former TJC District trustee. Then, in 1995, the Student Senate and the Tom B. Ramey, Jr., family, initiated renovation of the tower. A new sound system with bells and chimes was added, so that music can be played and heard across campus. This part of the renovation was dedicated on Founders Day 1995, in conjunction with Dr. Crowe's inauguration as President of the College. The old tradition of lighting the tower in gold when TJC won a game has been renewed, as the tower's lighting system was redesigned. And this year, the final component has been added.



Last year's Student Senate asked the Art Program to hold a design contest for a stained glass window for the tower. Connie Conner's design was chosen; the Art Program produced a template for the window; Nancy McCain, a part-time art instructor and one of her students, Terry Maxey, constructed the window, and Apache Glass of Tyler installed the window.

The Student Senate and the College sponsored the dedication ceremony, at which Tom B. Ramey III delivered the Invocation, Harold C. Beaird, President of the TJC Board of Trustees, and Dennis Cliborn, last year's Student Senate President, offered their remarks, after which students, faculty, staff and friends enjoyed a lunch buffet on the grounds.

The illuminated window represents a view of Jenkins Hall, the Apache mascot in bright colors. Yellow roses encircle the window. The Student Senate wanted to leave something lasting for future students to enjoy, said Cliborn. This newest addition to the beautiful campus will remain a reminder of the College's 70th Anniversary.

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Alumni awards

The Second Annual Tyler Junior College Alumni Association Awards were presented at a luncheon on Homecoming, November 2, 1996.

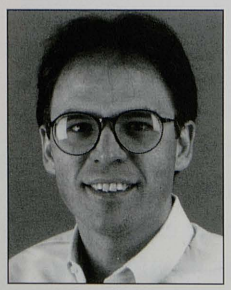
Saturday dawned as a perfect fall day and the campus was crowded with high school students and their parents taking tours of the campus and visiting with admissions counselors as part of Fall Preview. The luncheon and awards ceremony were held in the Joseph Z. and Louise H. Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center, Gentry Gymnasium. President Dr. William R. Crowe, Andy Navarro, president of the TJC Alumni Association and Harold C. Beaird, president, Board of Trustees presented **Dorothy Fay White** '43, with the Distinguished Alumna Award.

This award is the most prestigious one given. It recognizes a former student for distinguished professional achievement and distinctive contributions to society, and by doing so has brought honor to the College. A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, Mrs. White served in EXXON management as district accountant for many years. She and her husband, Jack have had a long and very strong relationship with Tyler Junior College making a difference in the lives of countless students and faculty through their endowed scholarships, teaching chairs and other significant gifts to the College. She serves along with her husband on the Foundation Board. This honor for Mrs. White was long overdue.

Outstanding Public Service Award given to **Harry L. Loftis** '42, recognizes a former student of the College who has served or currently serves in an elected or appointed local, state or national office who has made a significant contribution to society by selfless dedication to public service. After completing a year at TJC, Loftis served with distinction in World War II. A graduate of The University of Texas Law School, Lofis has held elected office as the district attorney and county judge of Smith County. Judge Loftis was a member of the Tyler Junior College Board of Trustees from 1966–96.

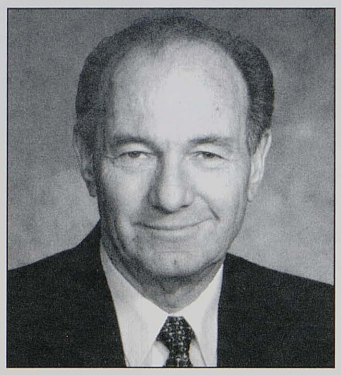
Black and Gold Award given to **Emma Lou Prater** '47, recognizes outstanding devotion to TJC through volunteerism of time and effort to promote the mission and goals of the College. Mrs. Prater has been associated with TJC for 26 years both as student and staff member. A graduate of East Texas State University with a bachelor of science degree in business and a master's degree in student personnel and guidance, Prater currently serves on the TJC Alumni Association Board.

Apache Spirit Award given to **Candy Crocker Jordan** '74, recognizes a person or group who has shown spirit and motivation through the contribution of time and energy to a program or activity which measurably benefited Tyler Junior College. Mrs. Jordan is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond in speech education. She has given countless hours of her time, many of them without remuneration, choreographing TJC musical productions. A former Apache Belle and member of Harmony & Understanding, Crocker has owned her own dance studio for over 20 years.



Valuable Young Alumnus Award given to **Stephen A. Blow** '72, recognizes an individual of integrity and stature for distinguished achievement in a business, profession or life work. After graduating from the University of North Texas in 1974, Blow has distinguished himself in his career as reporter and columnist for the *Dallas Morning News* by winning many journalistic awards, the most important being the Top Columnist in Texas Award given by the Dallas Press Club, the Associated Press and the Headliners Club.

The day concluded with the honorees receiving a standing ovation during halftime at Rose Stadium where the Apaches crushed Kilgore College 63–21.



MEET Hollis Pinyan

By Fred Peters

After 35 successful years in private business, eight years on Tyler's planning and zoning committee, two elected terms to the Tyler City Council and 10 years on the board of directors for East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, you might wonder what interested Hollis Pinyan in the Tyler Junior College Board of Trustees.

Spend a few minutes with him at a TJC basketball game or at his "second home," the Lighthouse for the Blind, and you quickly see that Pinyan has a love for people. And, he admits, he enjoys being part of the decision-making process.

Pinyan, who worked in petroleum sales and marketing until his retirement in 1993, joined the Board in May 1996 after being elected to fill the seat vacated by Dr. Jim Vaughn. Dr. Vaughn retired from the Board after 46 years of service.

Pinyan has been a familiar face on campus for several years as a board member of the TJC Foundation. Now Pinyan has the opportunity to help direct the College into the next century.

"I'm still looking for that bad apple," he jokes as he talks about TJC faculty and staff. "I've been so delighted at the opportunity to get to know the people here. I'm really impressed at the quality of the faculty and staff. Everyone has been wonderful and anxious to share with me what they do. You can see the love they have for their work."

Pinyan's wife, Mary, is a TJC graduate of 1948. They met when Pinyan was moved to Tyler in 1953 while working for Universal C.I.T. Corporation. It wasn't long until Hollis found himself in positions of public service.

In addition to his service on Tyler's City Council (he was mayor pro tem in 1985–86), the Lighthouse for the Blind and with the Planning Commission, Pinyan has served on the board of directors for East Texas Council of Government and as chairman of the ETCOG executive committee. He was a member of the former Tyler Safety Commission, served on the State Board of Health Solid Waste Division in 1984 and the State Bar of Texas District 2A Grievance Committee in 1986, was a member of the Mayor's Anti-Crime Task Force in 1988, and chaired the Texas Committee on Purchases of Products and Services of Blind and Severely Disabled Persons from 1991–94.

As chairman of the East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind Board of Directors, 1988–91, Pinyan was instrumental in the organization's purchase of its present manufacturing facility. His work with the Lighthouse is something Pinyan takes a great deal of pride in.

Since the purchase of the building at Oakwood and Bois d'Arc—which was paid for ahead of schedule, the Lighthouse has grown into a fiscally sound and state-recognized chapter. Its product line has expanded and its employment has blossomed to 71, 48 of whom are blind or visually impaired.

"We're in the business of creating jobs here," he says as he strolls across the plant to one of several paper-feeding lines where workers are threading wiping material across a cutting table.

The employees all know Hollis. "I try to come in once a week just to see how things are going," he says.

Continually examining new product lines and opportunities for growth, Pinyan says he has a personal goal of seeing that 200 blind or visually impaired individuals have employment at the Lighthouse by the time his service to the Board expires.

Faculty and staff of TJC can expect that same deep interest from Pinyan in the services the College provides. "The more I know about the College, the better informed I will be to help make the decisions we need to make as a Board," he said recently.

Those decisions will help position the College for a new generation of students and help the institution maintain the unique programs and opportunities that set it apart from other junior colleges, Pinyan believes.

"I think there are two important things necessary for TJC: strong leadership for innovative, common-sense decisions—with a business-like approach because it really is like running a business; and, two strong financial security."

Pinyan says he believes the College must constantly examine opportunities for growth and alternative methods for financing its extracurricular programs. He's been a voice in the community for the Corporate Champion Sponsors of Intercollegiate Athletics program, which provides annual contributions for athletic scholarships. Most recently he has become involved with the Wagstaff Golf Tournament. The tournament is supported by former coach Wagstaff's athletes and friends. The funds raised by this tournament also provide scholarships through the Nell and Floyd Wagstaff Endowed Athletic Scholarships. He sees that level of community support and collaboration with other institutions to cut costs as necessary in order to continue TJC's present level of service.

Pinyan says he's impressed at the leadership of Dr. Crowe and is proud of the financial responsibility demonstrated by the president and staff over the past several months.

"I love TJC. I think this college is so important to this community," he says.

If you're on campus for a theatre or musical presentation, sports event or other special program, chances are you'll see Hollis and Mary Pinyan. Like the many organizations he's offered his time and services to over the years, TJC is a part of Pinyan's weekly routine.

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Few athletic programs can maintain a level of excellence without lean times, those periods are often referred to as "rebuilding" years.

At the junior college level, where students are provided only two years of athletic eligibility, coaches might maintain that every year is a rebuilding year. Recruiting and redistributing talent are a juco coach's constant concerns. Forever looking ahead, they're challenged to build and win—simultaneously.

BY FRED PETERS

On May 14, Kyle Edward Keller, a former TJC graduate assistant for men's basketball, was named men's head basketball coach and instructor of health and kinesiology.

Keller assumes the duties handled the last three years by Fred Rike, who resigned in April to accept a position as assistant coach for men's basketball at Memphis University.

"We know Kyle's ability to work with student-athletes and his commitment to academics and excellence," Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, John Peterson said when announcing Keller's selection. "He was among some highly qualified finalists."

Keller is no stranger to TJC, having served as graduate assistant under Rike for two seasons before moving to assistant coach at The University of Texas at San Antonio during the 1996-97 season.

Prior to serving as graduate assistant at TJC, Keller was an assistant coach at Louisiana Tech University and student assistant coach at Oklahoma State University.

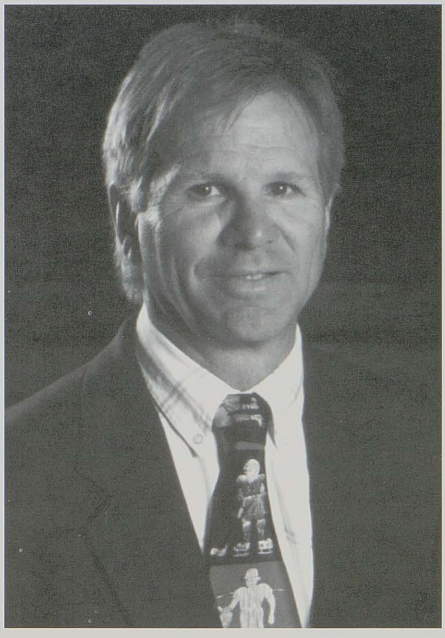
Christopher Crutchfield, Keller's assistant coach, followed him from the University of Texas at San Antonio, where he was an assistant basketball coach. Crutchfield, a product of a junior college program, received an A.A. from Anoka-Ramsey Junior College in Minnesota, his B.S. in 1992 and completed his master's in 1996 from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Throughout its history, coaches at Tyler Junior College have done a remarkable job of rising to that challenge. Twenty-two national championships and 65 regional championships over the past 48 years tell the story of an institution committed to winning. But TJC coaches have also performed exceptionally in providing their student-athletes with preparation for life, and it's in this arena that Intercollegiate Athletics Director John Peterson takes greatest pride.

"What stands out to me mostly is knowing what the players have done since they left here," he said recently when asked what has given him greatest pleasure at TJC.

"I wrote a letter of recommendation just the other day for a former player who is a finalist for a summer study program at Oxford University, Adriana Dulic. She was an Academic All-American here and now has an excellent opportunity to continue her studies. And, her sister, Tatjana, just passed the CPA exam a few weeks ago. Knowing that these two girls came here from war-torn Yugoslavia and became Academic All-Americans at TJC—those are the rewards of this job."

Peterson knows the legacy of TJC athletics. In his 10 seasons as coach of men's and ladies' tennis, he has led teams to 10 national championships and coached more than a dozen All-Americans. His success has been heralded nationwide and his ability to recruit players is unparalleled at the juco level. If a tennis recuit's plans include study and competition at a junior college, Peterson believes that recruit "will come here 90 percent of the time."



Continuing that legacy is Peterson's newest challenge. As athletic director, he is keenly aware of the financial constraints placed on junior college athletics.

"I'm anxious about the future and the prospect of paying for sports," he said. "I know there are going to have to be changes about how we finance all the activities we have here. I hope somehow I can keep us going forward and not allow us to regress."

Peterson realizes community resources for continued support of athletic opportunities are crucial. Because state appropriations for education are not applicable to athletic program support, alternate funding sources must be explored.

Expansion of such programs as Corporate Champion Sponsors of Intercollegiate Athletics, which provides annual support for athletic scholarships, and Apache Backers, a new athletic booster organization designed to increase enthusiasm and operating funds for athletics, is necessary if the present level of athletic opportunity is to continue.

On the field and on the courts, Peterson finds many reasons to be pleased.

"Our teams had a good fall," he said. "Our football and soccer and tennis teams performed well. I'm proud of our football team. I knew that was a good staff and they really turned it around. I'm happy for them. They had the second most productive offense in the nation and that should have been an attraction for a bowl game, but it just didn't work out that way."

The 8–2 Apaches, under the direction of Dale Carr, finished in third place in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference. Postseason consideration was tendered by the Dixie, Golden Isles and Rio Dairy bowls.

In soccer, Dr. Peter Jones' Apaches advanced to the NJCAA National Tournament in Trenton, N.J. for the second straight season, finishing with a mark of 17–6–1 after losing the season's final two matches in the double-elimination competition.

Brian Notis joined the staff in the fall to assist Peterson with men's and ladies tennis. Following a successful fall season both teams moved to NJCAA Championship Tournament play in May. Apache Ladies Tennis finished second place, after capturing the last three consecutive titles in a row in 1995, they finished second in 1996. "Our Men's Tennis team clinched their fourth straight NJCAA championship in Corpus Christi. It was the first time any NJCAA men's tennis team has won four straight national titles. Fighting through food poisoning for one player and a sprained ankle for another, our training staff did a great job," said Peterson. "It was a gutsy win for these guys. I'm proud of them."

New to TJC this year was ladies' volleyball. Head Coach Dana Hatch's squad won three matches in its debut season.

In basketball, the Apaches finished the 1996–97 season with a 20–10 overall mark. And Lee Ann Riley's Lady Apaches ended their season with an 18–13 record after making it into the first round of the NJCAA tournament play.

Apache Baseball, after advancing to the Region XIV playoffs for the first time in five years, were eliminated by San Jacinto Community College 5–4. The Apaches defeated Galveston Community College, ranked second in the nation, in their first round. Head baseball coach, Jon Groth and his team had a great season ending with a 32–22 record.

TJC Golf team has advanced to the Division II NJCAA National Tournament in Vass, North Carolina from June 1–6 at the Woodlake Country Club under the leadership of rookie head coach, Gregory Priest.

Other sources of pride from Peterson's first year at the helm include seeing the completion of an athletic field house for men's athletics, made possible by a donation from Joseph and Louise Ornelas in early 1996; and the groundbreaking for Pat Hartley Field (see page 15). The new fieldhouse is located in the south end of a mechanical trades building, near the practice football field. It provides a weight room, showers and storage, and reduces scheduling difficulties placed upon the weight room inside Wagstaff Gymnasium.

Peterson also anticipates the creation of one or two additional competitive sports for women.

In spite of the challenges that lie ahead, Peterson finds plenty of room for optimism in TJC athletics. He and coaches need only consider the success of the many athletes who have completed their competitive days at TJC and advanced on to successful careers to realize the significance of their mission as coaches and educators.

"It is frustrating to know that you only have these guys and girls for two years," he admits. "It seems sometimes that just as soon as you get a good relationship with them and you know what buttons to push and you think that you're helping, suddenly they're gone. It's one of the frustrations of working as a junior college coach."

But then there are the joys of attending a former player's wedding and seeing a former Apache succeed as a community leader to make it all worthwhile. For every concern over how to continue to compete with shrinking revenue streams there is a Lena Larsen earning an international graduate scholarship and a Michael Martinez earning praise as an outstanding tennis instructor for the youth of his hometown.

It's a legacy that keeps rewarding.

1997 Sports Circle of Honor Inductees

Ten former outstanding athletes of Tyler Junior College were inducted into the Sports Circle of Honor on January 18. The day-long activities began with a luncheon attended by 300 guests at Hollytree Country Club and introduction of the new inductees by TJC coaching legend, Floyd Wagstaff, who had coached most of the inductees during his long career at the College. David Smoak, a 1979 alumnus and local sports anchor, presided over the first of three gatherings for the former athletes.

"These individuals have shown themselves as people who are not only great athletes, but also outstanding citizens," he said. "Former student-athletes are very important to us for what they have done since they left TJC."

The Sports Circle of Honor awards program was initiated to honor alumni who have excelled in their athletic careers and been successful in their lives and careers after their playing days were over; men and women who have exhibited outstanding character and leadership in their lives.

The first inductee, **Floyd Wagstaff**, was announced in January 1996 at the unveiling of the Sports Circle of Honor monument. In September of that year, the first full class of athletes was inducted: Harry Bostic '67, Jimmy Dickey '53, Bonnie Buchanan Gray '79, Bill Johnson '47, David Lunceford '53, Jimmy Murphy '53, Mack Pogue '53, Herbert Richardson '49, O'Neal Weaver '51 (posthumously), James Welch '69 and Brady P. Gentry (posthumously). Judge Gentry, a former U.S. Congressman, afforded significant support to TJC athletics in its early years and following his death, through his trust with the establishment of athletic scholarships.

The 1997 Class, which was introduced to the fans between the men's and women's basketball games, was represented by the following former athletes:

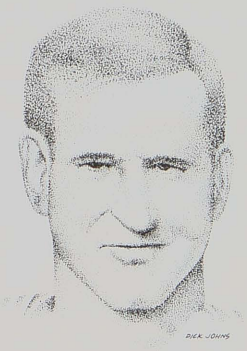
• **Russell Boone** —Apache basketball (1954-56); member of the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame; named all-Missouri Valley team while playing for the University of Houston. Boone coached for 20 years at Anahuac and is now a businessman working with Aaeron Moving Company in Houston.

• **Robert Leon Fuller**—Apache football (1956–58); All-NJCAA; MVP at the University of Alabama; Academic All-American and played in the North/South All-Star Game and the Senior Bowl All-Star Game his senior year; head coach at Colorado State University; defensive coordinator at the University of Texas; NFL assistant coach of the Denver Broncos. Fuller is now athletic director for Austin Independent School District.

• **Bill Herchman**, Apache football (1952–53); in his senior year at Texas Tech, he was selected to participate in the college all-star game against then NFL champion Cleveland Browns; NFL lineman with the San Francisco 49ers, Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers, playing in the NFL seven years. Herchman lives in Duncanville where he served on the School Board for 10 years.

• **John Linney**, Apache football (1950–51); quarterback when TJC played in the Little Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California in 1951; All-NJCAA; All-NCAA honorable mention; All Texas College Offense in 1954 and an Honorable Mention All-American; member of Stephen F. Austin State University Hall of Fame. Linney coached baseball and football in Bryan, Beaumont, Lockhart and in South Dakota before beginning a successful business career in the Houston area. Active in his community, Linney coached Babe Ruth, Little League, American Legion, Pop Warner and Pee Wee leagues for 20 years.

• **Raymond Charles McGinty**, Apache football (1949–51); All-NJCAA honorable mention; All-NAIA; while playing for North Texas State University, he was the leading pass receiver, leading scorer, and team captain; NFL end with the Chicago Cardinals; coached teams in Winnsboro, Texarkana, Silsbee and Woodville; Apache football head coach for 12 seasons, winning five Conference Coach of the Year awards before retiring in 1991.

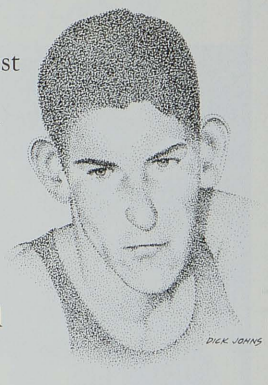


• **Janice Mulford**, Apache Ladies basketball (1977–79); helped lead her Apache Ladies team to the NJCAA national championship game in 1979; played for Louisiana Tech University her junior season and helped her team to a 40–5 record and an AIAW Division I Final Four appearance; played for Abilene Christian University in her senior year and helped her team to a 31–7 record; All-AIAW honorable mention; 10-time winner of District Coach of the Year of the Van High School girl's volleyball team; East Texas Coach of the Year in 1995.

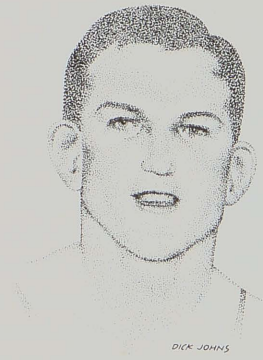
• **V.C. "Buck" Overall,** Apache basketball (1940–42); once held the state junior college record for scoring; a United Press All-Conference selection at The University of Texas; Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame member; served as assistant coach at UT in 1944–45; coached for several high school teams in East Texas before entering private business. He owns his own company and lives in San Marcos.

• **Dan Page**, Apache football (1948–50); All-NJCAA; MVP of U.S. junior college football; starting quarterback at The University of Texas for two years; played with the Ft. Sill Army team for two seasons. After his playing days, Page entered private business and soon formed his own telephone directory publishing company in Fort Worth, a firm which thrives today under the leadership of his sons. Page passed away in 1996. His wife, Wanda accepted his award.

• **Jose Palafox**, Apache basketball (1948–49); All-NJCAA and member of TJC's first national championship team (1949); All-4th Army Team member at Brook Army Medical Center in San Antonio; played at the University of Houston; earned All-Southwest Conference; Mexico Olympic Team member (1957). He completed pharmacy school in 1964 and the University of Mexico Medical School in 1976. Palafox is a physician in El Paso.



• **Van Samford,** Apache basketball (1937–39); All-State honors at Paxton High School; held conference scoring record; TJC Texas championship team for two years; member of the first SFASU team to play in the national tournament in Kansas City; member of the Stephen F. Austin Athletic Hall of Fame; played AAU basketball from 1941–44 in Illinois and Texas. After 15 years as a public school teacher, coach and principal, Samford returned to Stephen F. Austin to serve in a variety of capacities, including bookstore manager, dean of men, associate dean of student life and director of placement. He is now retired.



The day's activities continued with the opening of the Floyd Wagstaff Letterman's Lounge located in Wagstaff Gymnasium. The lounge houses much of the memorabilia and awards gathered by Coach Wagstaff throughout his illustrious coaching career and provides an area for news conferences and other athletic related meetings. Original drawings of all the Circle of Honor winners are part of the permanent display.

That evening a private reception was held in honor of the new inductees at the Tyler Museum of Art prior to the Apache Ladies and Men's basketball games against Angelina College.

During Coach Wagstaff's remarks during the luncheon he said, "I wish all of you could feel the feeling I have. I have a good feeling , but also a sad feeling. There is a story behind everyone of these athletes that would make a good book. They have all been great to me."

The day was a memorable one for the honored athletes, their families and friends renewing old friendships and reliving many of the glory days of Apache athletic history.

run rollie run

tjc instructor roland schick goes the distance in boston

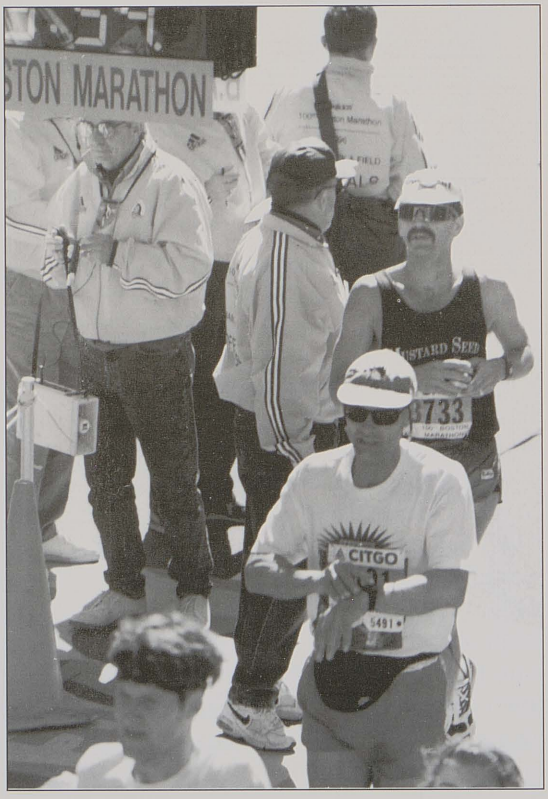
by carla bass

Even a rock can roll DOWNHILL.

Like an electronic mantra, these words appear and flash across the screen of Roland Schick's computer. Combined with a pile of running shoe boxes and posters promoting the benefits of exercise, these items make a fitting tableau for the office of TJC's health and kinesiology instructor and a two-time Boston Marathon runner.

During his most recent trip to this race, considered the pinnacle marathon by dedicated runners, Schick completed the 26-mile course in 3 hours, three minutes and 52 seconds. He ranked in the top seven percent of 38,000 runners from throughout the United States and the world in the centennial Boston Marathon, held April 14, 1996.

Although the race began in the small New England town of Hopkinton, Schick's journey to this anniversary event began when he first qualified for the marathon in 1991. He had wanted to run in the marathon with his sister, but she did not qualify that year. Finally in 1993, he said "I'm running with or without her" and began four months of training. He ran at least 70 miles in the week or two before the marathon, and then headed north to race with about 10,000 others. He also qualified in 1994 and 1995, but chose not to run. When he qualified in the 35 to 40-year-old category again this year and decided to tackle the marathon, 10,000 to 12,000 runners who didn't qualify were let in through a lottery.



"This last marathon was a big step up because of the huge number of people that were running. To me, this was just mind-boggling and it was very exciting to be there and be a part of it," Schick said.

Crowds along the first four miles of the race were sparse, Schick said, but the sides of the road were "packed shoulder-to-shoulder" after that point. He survived through the gauntlet of Wesleyan University students who traditionally line both sides of the road at one point in the race, screaming at the top of their lungs and creating a noise that "actually hurts your ears," Schick said.

Although Schick said he doesn't usually talk about his marathon experiences in the classroom unless a student asks about them, they still notice that he practices what he teaches.

"I recently finished grading an essay, and the student said that she thought it was a benefit to have an instructor whom she could visibly see maintaining his own level of fitness," Schick said.

During his nine years at TJC, this former Oberlin College football player has stressed to his classes that fitness is an individualized prescription.

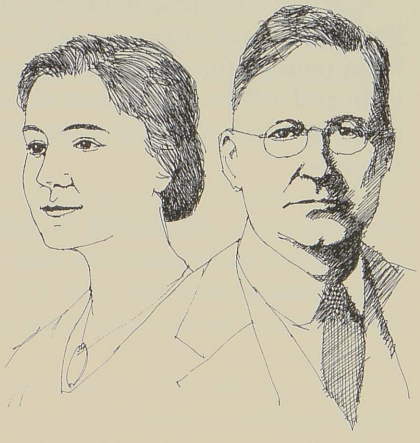
"I run first and foremost for the health benefits, but I would never suggest to someone that running is the only way to stay fit," Schick said. "Running is not necessarily the end-all mode of exercise. I believe each person can be their own 'ultimate athlete' by finding their individual level of health and fitness."

DEVELOPMENT

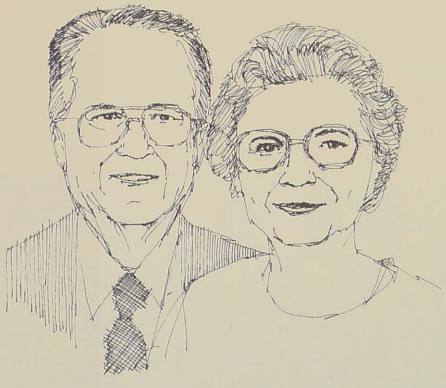
Seven Presidential Scholarships Announced

The Presidential Scholarship program inaugurated in 1983 with the establishment of The Dulse Lux Hudnall Presidential Scholarship and The Dr. Harry L. Jenkins Presidential Scholarship has grown in those fourteen years to seventy-one. Last month at the annual appreciation dinner held at Hollytree Country Club, the College recognized the donors of the seven presidential scholarships established since April of last year.

The Edgar H. and Lillie Mae Vaughn Presidential Scholarship for Engineering, established in 1996 by Jim and Bonna Bess Vaughn in memory of his parents. The Vaughn's, in continuing their many generous benefactions to the College added their second presidential scholarship. The Vaughn name is recognized on the Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center, Vaughn Hall and one of the most unique structures of its kind in the country, the Vaughn Conservatory. Both Vaughns were early graduates of Tyler Junior College and Dr. Vaughn retired in 1996 after 30 years as a college trustee.



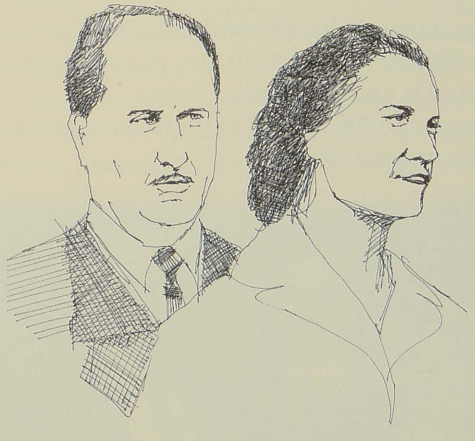
The Robert O. and Marie Estes Presidential Scholarship established in 1996. Robert Estes was born in Tyler in August 22, 1911 and sadly, he died on April 14, 1997. He was a graduate of Tyler High School and TJC. Following graduation from TJC in 1931, Estes attended The University of Texas at Austin where he graduated in 1935. He was a retired lieutenant colonel from the Army and served in World War II as a chief postal officer for the Persian Gulf Command stationed in what is now Teheran. He was a postal inspector for many years in St. Louis and Texarkana before returning to Tyler upon his wife's death in 1995.



One could not read his essay on page 3 reprinted from the 1929 *Alcalde* and not realize the deep affection he held for the College.

The Maxene Robinson Presidential Scholarship established in 1996 by the Tyler Junior College District Board of Trustees. Robinson's first association with the College was as a student in the fall of 1957. Robinson was hired immediately upon graduation as secretary to Dean Edward M. Potter. In 1981, following the retirement of Ava Lea Gentry, Robinson was advanced to executive secretary to the president and remained in that position until her retirement in August 1996. She also served as secretary to the Board of Trustees during some of the later years. Ms. Robinson's devotion to TJC extended to the realm of being a sponsor of the cheerleaders and perhaps one of the most loyal fans of the football and basketball teams the college has ever had.

The Rupert and Phoebe Lou Cobb Memorial Presidential Scholarship established by bequest of Phoebe Lou Cobb in 1996. Mrs. Cobb was born in Winfield where she and her siblings were reared by their mother. When Mrs. Cobb graduated from high school in 1929, she had no money to attend college, but desired an education as a way out of poverty for herself and her family. A family friend came to her rescue and she graduated with a two-year teaching certificate. After teaching for several years, she borrowed money to finish her baccalaureate. The Cobbs' estate flourished following the East Texas oilfield boom. And having no children to inherit and with the obvious value she placed on education, it is not surprising that Phoebe Cobb left her estate to five educational institutions in this area. A portion of the bequest was used to create this scholarship.



The Marcia M. Evans, DVM, Presidential Scholarship in Veterinary or Medical Sciences established by bequest and gifts of friends in 1996. Dr. Evans was a well known veterinarian in the Tyler area who died in 1996. She attended TJC and was proud of the fact that she was the first woman graduate of TJC to attend Texas A&M veterinarian school after they opened their doors to women. During her years in practice, Evans' association with TJC continued by occasionally serving as a part-time instructor in biology and anatomy.

Her brothers, John O. Evans III of Tyler and Samuel H. Evans of Alexanderia, Virginia along with many friends also contributed to the scholarship.

The President's Circle Presidential Scholarship established in 1997. The President's Circle annual giving program initiated in 1994, provides discretionary funds to be used at the president's request. In January 1997, Dr. Crowe chose to use a portion of those funds to establish the scholarship. "Now all of you (President's Circle members) can feel a direct participation in this scholarship...you each contributed to it," said Crowe when the announcement was made in February at a President's Circle reception.

The Dr. and Mrs. James Peltier Presidential Scholarship established in 1997 by Robert and Mary K. Peltier in honor of his parents. Dr. and Mrs. Peltier live in Thibodaux, Louisiana. In 1996, Robert Peltier accepted a place on the TJC Foundation Board.

This endowed scholarship program has provided funding to educate countless academically exceptional students. The recipients must be ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes and must exhibit outstanding leadership and maturity. The students' extracurricular involvements in their high schools and communities is also a significant qualifying factor.

In 1993, J.S. Hudnall said it best, "Scholarships are the thing I believe in most. I believe in helping young people that are willing to work and help themselves. There is no substitute for education." That is the mission of Tyler Junior College—the education of our citizens.

Skills Development Grant Received

A Skills Development grant of almost $300,000, received by Tyler Junior College recently, is providing pre-employment training for potential employees of Tyler's Trane plant and will eventually provide advanced training for employees with the Tyler plant of Carrier-United Technologies.

"The quality of training being offered through this arrangement is outstanding. It's one of the best training programs in the country and could serve as a model for other training ventures," said Bob DuBois, pre-employment training leader and corporate human resources professional for Trane."

"We're excited at the opportunity to provide this kind of quality training and to help meet the needs of local industry," said Dr. Aubrey Sharpe, TJC dean of continuing studies.

"Texas businesses and local economies benefit because employers receive paid training for employees," said Dennis Howard, assistant to the commissioner for labor with the Texas Workforce Commission.

"We see this as the continuation of our commitment to provide the very best in training to the employers of our region," said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe. "Over the years, we have provided specialized training to a number of area manufacturers. As a community college, that is a very important part of our mission—to increase the viability of our area employers."

Groundbreaking Ceremony for Pat Hartley Field

Approximately 40 people, including College officials, special guests and the benefactors, Mr. and Mrs. B.G. Hartley attended the April 8 groundbreaking for the multi-purpose athletic facility to be constructed on the east end of the campus at the corner of Adair Street and Palmer Avenue.

Pat Hartley Field was made possible because of a $400,000 donation from Bill and Billie Hartley and is named in memory of their son, Patrick.

"Pat Hartley Field will one day be home to the TJC Apaches soccer team and will allow thousands of Tyler residents the opportunity to exercise on the walking and jogging track that encompasses the facility, said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe in announcing the gift. "It will provide expanded practice facilities for the Apache football team and will serve as a vital part of the TJC campus. We're grateful to the Hartley family for making this project a reality."

Pat Hartley Field will provide a regulation-size soccer field in addition to a full-size practice football field and a jogging/walking trail. It will also be used for Apache Belles and Apache Band practices.

Left to right: David Lunceford, B.G. Hartley, Billie Hartley, Jane Hartley Coker, William Crowe.

Included in immediate plans are lighting for both fields, bleachers and a brick and concrete commemorative marker. Future plans include the addition of a lighted scoreboard.

"We're happy to have provided this opportunity to the College and to create a structure of great benefit to the community which can serve as a memorial to our beloved son," Hartley said prior to the groundbreaking.

Distance-Learning Network

Early in the year, Tyler Junior College began using two-way video technology to enable faculty to teach classes simultaneously at four local and area high schools from the college campus.

The network is home-based on the TJC campus.

TJC students participate in the class with the instructor on the campus while students at the high schools view and participate in the class from their respective campuses. These high school students are enrolled concurrently in their high schools and also as college students at TJC.

"This video technology allows an instructor and students to see each other and talk to each other even when they are in different locations," said Dr. Mickey Slimp, TJC dean of learning resources.

In addition to linking classrooms for cost-effective instruction, the network may also be used for the provision of professional development for college and school personnel. Offering continuing education courses for adults is another possible use for the network.

The institution has been working in collaboration on the distance-learning network since 1995. Initial funding for the network was provided to the Northeast Texas Network Initiative by the state Legislature in 1995; supplemental funding was supplied by the participating independent school districts.

John Tyler High School, Robert E. Lee High School, Van High School and Grand Saline High School are currently linked and other schools are desiring to be on the network, but expansion will depend largely on availability of State funds. Equipping a classroom for the network setup costs approximately $45,000.

Course revenue from state reimbursement and tuition totaled more that $700,000 during the year.

New Arts Boosters' Group

Apache Patrons, a new booster group initiated to provide financial support for the performing and visual arts, was announced this spring by Dr. Ken Dance, vice president and executive director of the TJC Foundation.

Supporters of the performing and visual arts at the College now have the opportunity to show their support of the music, dance, theatre, band and visual arts programs of TJC through a sponsorship organization which offers tickets for two to most performances throughout the school year for a donation of $100.

"Apache Patrons will be participating in all of the regular-season stage performances and art exhibitions, plus they'll be treated to social events planned by directors of these programs through the School of Liberal and Fine Arts," Dance said.

"This provides an additional opportunity for our many supporters to show their interest of the arts at TJC," Dance said. "It is very much like the Apache Backers, an athletic booster organization which we began last summer."

Membership in Apache Backers grew to nearly 100 in its initial season and a membership drive is under way for increased participation during the 1997–98 season. Memberships begin with the start of the Fall 1997 semester.

Those interested in joining the Apache Patrons may call TJC Foundation at 903/510–2520, for more information.

On Campus

Excellence Awards Bestowed

Four instructors were named recipients of endowed teaching excellence awards.

The presentations were made by previous holders of teaching chairs and by President Dr. William R. Crowe at the spring opening activities.

Nursing instructor Dr. Judy Hammond, received the George W. Pirtle and El Freda Taylor Pirtle Chair for Teaching Excellence.

"The best thing about teaching is seeing the end product," Hammond said. "I see them first as novices, then graduating and finally responsible and working at a hospital."

History instructor, Linda Cross received the Thomas H. Shelby Jr. Chair for Teaching Excellence.

"I have received many teaching honors and any award received from peers is a real honor," Cross said.

Computer science instructor, Marshella Kersh received the Mabel Williams Chair for Teaching Excellence, and speech and theatre instructor, M'Liss Hindman received the Dorothy Fay and Jack White Chair for Teaching Excellence.

"It was a very humbling experience to me in many ways," Hindman said. "I try to teach my very best and I love to watch lights go on over students' heads."

Endowments established with Tyler Junior College Foundation finance the teaching chairs.

Award recipients, left to right, Linda Cross, Judy Hammond, Shelly Kersh and M'Liss Hindman.

Top Ten Chapter—Five Years

Alpha Omicron, the TJC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, once again distinguished itself as one of the premier chapters in the nation during the PTK Regional Convention, held March 20–23 in Houston.

The chapter was again named one of the Top Ten chapters in Texas, a ranking it has held the past five years.

Alpha Omicron also received Five-Star status for the fifth straight year.

Other honors include:

- Texas Regional Members' Hall of Fame Adam Daley and Scott Mischnick;
- Hallmark Award for Outstanding Achievement in Fellowship, Brent Richardson.
- Outstanding Advisor, presented to Alpha Omicron co-sponsor Gigi Beaton, who was presented a scholarship to attend this summer's Texas Honors Institute; and
- Outstanding Entry recognition Alpha Omicron scrapbook, accepted by Jennifer Dwyer, historian.

Malone Nails Mid-Court Shot

Jared Malone, a senior at Lindale High School, claimed a $500 scholarship by sinking a half-court basketball toss during the second annual High School Seniors' Night Scholarship Toss at Wagstaff Gymnasium in February.

Ten participants attempted two shots each for a chance at a scholarship for the 1997–98 school year. Malone hit on his first attempt.

Last year's winner, Boston Brown, is currently completing his freshman year at TJC.

Left to right: Ann Snyder, TJC Board of Trustee; Jared Malone; Hollis Pinyan, TJC Board of Trustee; Kenneth Lewis, dean of admissions.

Student Senate Wins Theme Competition

The Student Senate attended the National Association of Campus Activities convention in Houston last fall and won First Place in the Student Generated Theme Category for 1995 Homecoming items. Included were the Homecoming T-shirt, Dinner Theatre Program, Campus Capers Program, posters and other items.

This is the third design in five years to be recognized with a First Place finish, said Scott Nalley, director of student activites.

Represented at the conference were 86 four-year and community colleges from a five-state area.

First Student Sculpture Installed

"Balance No. 2," a three-part sculpture created by former student Sean Zeigler, was installed near Wise Plaza adjacent to the new Ina Brundrett Azalea Garden.

While attending TJC, Zeigler studied design and painting under Charles J. Cavanaugh, David Murray and Charline Wallis Perlewitz.

His sculpture is on long-term loan to the college and is the first work by a TJC student to be displayed permanently on campus.

Zeigler transferred to the University of North Texas in Denton where he is a senior art major and expects to complete degrees in both sculpture and advertising art this year.

Texas Phi Theta Kappa Outstanding Alumna

Dorothy Fay White, a 1943 graduate and a member of Alpha Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa during her time at TJC was named the 1997 recipient of the Outstanding Alumni award by the Texas chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

The Texas chapter annually recognizes one outstanding alumni of PTK. Mrs. White was selected because of her achievements since graduation and because of her interest in education.

Mrs. White and her husband, Jack, are long-time supporters and have provided opportunities for outstanding students through the creation and support of numerous scholarships endowed through the TJC Foundation.

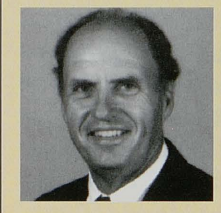
During her years at TJC, she was active in the campus drama group and with a women's group known as the Tok-a-ton Sorority. After graduation, Mrs. White transferred to The University of Texas at Austin, where she completed a bachelor's degree in English and math in 1945.

The White's have endowed three chairs for teaching excellence, 13 Dean's Scholarships, nine Presidential Scholarships and two other endowed scholarships in fine arts and music. In 1992, the Whites generous gift allowed the construction of the White Administrative Services Center.

Left to right: Harold Beaird, president, Board of Trustees; Dorothy Fay White; William Crowe, president.

President Crowe CCLP Distinguished Graduate

Dr. William R. Crowe was one of 17 distinguished graduates of The University of Texas at Austin, Community College Leadership Program (CCLP) featured in the April/May issue of the *Community College Journal.*



The CCLP at The University of Texas is the nation's oldest, having been established by Dr. D.C. Colvert in 1944. Between 450 and 500 individuals have completed their doctorate in the program and those who have demonstrated success in a variety of leadership roles have been designated 'distinguished graduates.' said Dr. John E. Rouech, professor and director of the program. The 17 chosen to receive this award represent leaders in community colleges from Canada, South Africa and 10 states.

Roueche writes, "Not only has Bill Crowe distinguished himself in a variety of leadership positions at Tyler Junior College, but he is definitely a president who cares deeply about the quality of teaching and learning at TJC. Distinguished graduates are those individuals who foster and maintain a strong and positive relationship with the program and the college." Beaird stated that TJC is fortunate to have Crowe's leadership at the helm to lead the College into the new century.

Homecoming '97

Saturday, October 25—3 p.m.

Tyler Junior College vs.

Trinity Valley Community College

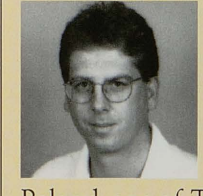
Celebrate the Apache Belles 50th Anniversary with a Spectacular Half-time Show.

Faculty/Staff Briefs

Alan Barnes was honored in March by the Piney Woods Counseling Association as its Counselor of the Year. Barnes has held numerous offices in the PWCA including president. He also is active in the statewide Texas Counseling Association currently serving on the Legislative Committee.

Manoucher Khosrowshahi, government instructor, received a coveted Fulbright Scholarship which provides $48,000 to the College for travel/study and research. Ten community college and five public school teachers will be selected as participants in this five-week study course in Turkey. The Fulbright is one of the highest academic honor for faculty, and TJC was in competition with many prestigious universities for this award. Khosrowshahiwas also presented a Packaged Programs and Speakers Grant from the Texas Council for the Humanities. The grant helps to bring outstanding teachers, writers and public presenters to the campus and educate students and the public about Texas culture.

Christopher Stewart, art director/instructor, had two prints accepted into the Jelenia Gora International Graphic Competition in Jelenia Gora, Poland, one of Tyler's Sister Cities.



Judy Turman, English instructor and co-sponsor of Alpha Omicron, was named a seminar leader and faculty scholar for the 1997 Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Institute, to be held June 18–29 on the campus of Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington.

Marian Jackson, library information services director, was recently elected 1997–98 secretary/treasurer of the Reference Roundtable of the Texas Library Association.

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Class Notes

1928

Sarah McClendon received the National Women's Political Caucus' Lifetime Achievement Award during a ceremony recently in New York City. Longtime Washington, D.C. news correspondent, McClendon owns and operates McClendon News Service, which serves television, radio and print. She opened her news service in 1946 and her book, *Mr. President, Mr. President*, chronicles her more than 50 years of covering Congress and the White House. McClendon is a native of Tyler and following graduation from the University of Missouri School of Journalism, began her career with the *Tyler Morning Telegraph.*

1938

Dr. Julian MarDock, a Dallas physician, who grew up in Tyler, gave a presentation at the Smith County Historical Society Museum and Archives. MarDock is writing a book on what it was like to grow up as a Chinese-American in Tyler in the 1920s and 1930s which will be published by The University of Texas Press. MarDock distinguished himself during World War II and is believed to have been the first Chinese-American fighter pilot at that time.

1944

Marge (Barr) Zeppa attended the University of Oklahoma and received her bachelor's degree in geology. She was employed at NationsBank in Tyler until her recent retirement. As a student at TJC, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

1945

Ruth L. Latta enjoyed 30 years as a medical bacteriologist, before retiring 20 years ago, from the Institute of Surgical Research, Fort Sam Houston. It is better known world-wide as the "Burn Patient Center." Ruth, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin.

1946

Bob and **Janell (Welch) Wade** of Huntsville are married with three children, Alan, Suzanne and Steve. Bob is retired after 41 years with Mobil Oil, and Janell retired from the Texas State Department of Welfare. Bob and Janell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1995.

1947

Shirley (Oliver) Smith of Tyler works with music in evangelism. She attended Baylor University and Southwestern Theological Seminary. She participated in the TJC choir and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

1949

Archie M. McElveen of Bedford received his bachelor's degree from North Texas State University in production management. He is now retired and has two children, Laurie Ann, 34, and George, 32. While at TJC, Archie played on the football team.

1952

Smith Markham of Dallas graduated from Wayland Baptist University with his bachelor's degree in physical education, and from Sul Ross State with his master's degree in education. He is retired from the Public Schools of Texas and now spends his time playing golf. While at TJC, Smith played on the basketball team and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

1954

Tommy E. Sawyer is retired from Grand Prairie Independent School District. He received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University. His wife, Gwen is a former Apache Belle. While at TJC, Tommy played on the basketball team.

1955

Sammy J. Jackson is owner of Sun-Kist Pools of Texas, Inc. and makes his home in Dallas. Sam has a bachelor's and master's degree in physical education from University of North Texas. He has four children.

Joanne (Schwartz) Townsend of Austin is a housewife and mother of three. She received her bachelor's degree in journalism from The University of Texas. Joanne is a former Apache Belle, and member of Phi Theta Kappa. She also served as the editor of the *Pow Wow* and as freshman class secretary.

1966

Peggy (Crow) Marcom, former Apache Belle and cheerleader, is now a teacher at Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler. She earned a bachelor's degree from East Texas State University and a master's degree from the The University of Texas at Tyler.

Martha (McKinzie) Moore is a language arts teacher in Tyler Independent School District. Martha has a bachelor's and master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches and has three sons, Brandon, David and Matthew who are all alumni of TJC.

Gipsy (Howard) Schneider is a teacher at Hawkins Independent School District. She received her bachelor's degree from Southern State and her master's degree from East Texas State University. Gipsy has four children. While at TJC, she participated in student senate and debate. She also served as homecoming representative and cheerleader.

1968

Tommy Erwin is the athletic director and head football, golf, and basketball coach at M.L. King middle school in San Antonio Independent School District. He received his bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University. Tommy and his wife, Ellen, also a former TJC student, have two children, Jake and Allison.

H. Sharon Howell is the pastor at the United Methodist Church in Ottawa, Kansas. Sharon is a graduate of Austin College and holds a master's

of divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology. She serves on the board of trustees of Baker University and was elected chairperson of the delegation from Kansas East Conference to the 1996 General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Robert Macy, Jr., a former Apache Guard, is owner of Robert Macy & Associates of Sheffield, Massachusetts and holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from University of New Haven, Connecticut. Robert has a son, Robert S. and a daughter, Sarah W., who in 1994 received an associate degree from TJC.

Buddy H. Mullen, Jr. graduated from Southern Methodist University majoring in accounting and finance. He owns Selections, design and antique shops, in Dallas. Buddy was an Apache Guard and was keeper of the Apache Guard brass bell and drum.

Donald L. Talbott is an electrical design engineer for Houston Lighting & Power. He was in the electrical electronic tech program at TJC.

1969

Ron N. Smith is now an optometrist in Tyler. He pursued his education at both Texas A&M University and the University of Houston College of Optometry. He and his wife, **Becky**, '70, have five children. He is a former Apache football player, and also a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Lois (Sandidge) Thompson, a former Apache Belle, works as an executive secretary in the oil and gas industry. She and her husband, Jerry, have two children, Aimee and Jeff, and one grandson, Jake. She and Jerry own a cafe in Alvarado.

Sharon (Felts) Zschirnt resides in Arlington, Texas. Her husband and son enjoy Corvette racing. Sharon raced until 1988.

1970

Luther G. Manning is assistant materials coordinator for the city and county of San Francisco. He is a graduate of San Francisco State University.

Jerry C. Nick is district manager for Brookshire Grocery Company in Shreveport. Jerry is a graduate of East Texas State University.

1971

James R. Appleby works for ITW Welding Products Group in Appleton, Wisconsin. He was promoted to account manager covering major customers in shipyards, railroads, construction and manufacturing throughout the eastern states. He recently sang with the Springfield Symphony chorus. James and his wife, Betsy have two children, Jimmy and Paul.

Barry Dodson completed his doctorate of education from Baylor University. He is principal of Las Colinas Elementary/Middle School in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District. He and his wife, **Judy (Greenhaw) Dodson** have one son, Thomas. Judy has worked for Proctor & Gamble for 15 years as a medical account manager in the pharmaceutical division. She is an active member of the company's women's organization to advance training, promotion and retention of women. Barry and Judy recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

1972

Jeffrey J. Jankowski is national sales manager for TBC Corporation of Memphis, Tennessee. Jeff played football while at TJC.

Margaret (Slater) Nixon received a bachelor of arts degree from The University of Texas at Austin and is currently pursuing a master's degree in foreign language education. Margaret and her husband, Herbert, live in Austin and have five children.

1973

Kay (Wilson) Brown is a mom and homemaker in Rockwall. She works part-time as a travel agent. She and her husband have been married 21 years and have two children, Zach and Tres. Kay is a former Belle.

Paul A. Raisig of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma works in money management for Founders Asset Management Co. He graduated from the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in marketing. Paul has one son, Michael, 11.

1974

Linda (Latham) Boggs of Troy graduated from Mary Hardin-Baylor College with her bachelor's degree in nursing. In 1996 she completed the advanced nurse practitioner program. Linda is certified as a women's health care advanced nurse practitioner.

Brenda (Jones) Lyons is a flight attendant for American Airlines in Dallas. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University. Brenda has two children, Natalie and Nicholas Lyons.

Dan D. Manuel is minister of Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine. Dan is a graduate of Northwestern State University. He and his wife Audrey have two children who have attended TJC. Dan says he has fond memories of his time at Tyler Junior College.

1975

Sheila K. McFadden is owner and editor of *Nurturers' Garden* and lives in Sunrise, Florida. Sheila has her associate degree in nursing from TJC. She is interested in becoming reacquainted with some of her classmates.

Laura (Potter) Parsons was recently employed by Sibey Cline Realtors as a broker assistant for marketing. She and her husband, Chris, have two children, Brian and Richard and live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

1976

William R. Malloy is plant manager of Brook Manufacturing and makes his home in Meridian, Mississippi. After graduating from TJC, William received a bachelor of science degree from North Texas State University. He and his wife, Vicki, have three children.

James R. Niles is a biological science aide for the Idaho Fish and Game/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Ahsahka, Idaho. James has two bachelor of arts degrees from Baylor University in Waco, one in environmental studies and one in radio, television and film. James wrote, "I

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Alumni

enjoyed attending college at TJC and still have great memories of the experience; and the education I received there has also helped me throughout my life."

Jenny L. Nix is completing her teaching certification in art and special education at Boise State University. She graduated from Southern Methodist University majoring in art history. Jenny has two children and lives in Boise, Idaho.

Kerry (Keating) Walker is working as a dental hygienist in Marshall. She and her husband, Phil, have been married for 18 years and have two children, Lorrie and Patrick.

James I. Willis, Jr. is the operator and owner of "Trap" Travelstead Field in Tyler, a private airport at Howell Club Lake. James is also in pilot training in the U.S. Air Force.

Robert L. Wilson accepted a position as manager of human resources at LeTourneau, Inc. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from The University of Texas at Tyler. He is the father of four children.

1977

David Hall is a police officer with the U.S. Treasury Police at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Fort Worth. He is also a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve.

Christopher W. Turman of Los Angeles, won a 1997 Daytime Emmy award. Turman works for Silverhammer, a production company in Los Angeles. The technical award was given to Turman and his team for producing the opening of the Oprah Winfrey Show for Harpo Productions. A graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, Turman and his family have a long association with TJC with his mother, three brothers and four sisters all having attended the College. Turman graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1981.

1978

Fredrick G. McDowell is a parole officer for Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Athens. Fredrick has a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Arlington and has been a part-time instructor at TJC. Fredrick and his wife, Robyn have four children.

Billy S. Norris is customer support representative for Northeast Texas Data Corporation, Sulphur Springs. Billy was in the band at TJC and says, "Those were the best years of my life!" He and Lori have two children, Joshua and Sara and live in Winnsboro.

Toby Travis of Carrollton is an accountant at Maintenance, Inc. She is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University.

1979

Deborah K. Hyman is regional sales manager for Profit Plus, Inc. in Houston. Debbie was an Apache Belle and student senate officer while attending TJC. She is a graduate of University of Houston and is the director of competition for the National Dance/Drill/Cheer Contest of Champions held at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

1980

Melonye (Walker) Arnold is now a teacher of music at the Lindale elementary school. She received her bachelor's degree from Baylor University. She and her husband, Charles live at Hide-A-Way Lake and have one child, Charles Arnold, III. She was a member of Harmony & Understanding, the Chamber Singers and the Concert Choir while at TJC.

1981

Larry C. Milton is a financial consultant and assistant vice-president for Merrill Lynch in Fort Worth. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a bachelor's degree in agriculture/business. In 1995, he married Jeaneane Holden. Larry played football at TJC for two years.

Bill B. Shoemaker is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy stationed at Fort Collins, Colorado. He received his bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from The University of Texas at Austin.

1983

Linda (Holbrook) Armstrong graduated from North Texas State University and then received her master's degree in music from East Texas State University. Linda recently starred in a comic opera, "The Telephone" in Dallas, and soloed in an Andrew Lloyd Weber production. She is the mother of two children, Anna and Charlie. While at TJC, Linda was a member of Harmony & Understanding and Madrigel Singers.

Cheryl D. Jacobs is a CPA with Grant Thornton LLP of Dallas. Cheryl was an Apache Belle and in Tau Kappa Sorority. She has bachelor's degrees from The University of Texas at Austin and the University of Texas at Arlington.

Mark and **Julie (Reeves) Trammel**, both former TJC students, are married and living in Tyler. Mark is a minister of music at Landmark Baptist Church and also owns a recording studio. Julie is church pianist and works with Mark in the studio. They have three children, Matthew, Joshua and Faith. Mark has a master's degree in music, and Julie has a bachelor's degree in music.

1984

Tonya Folmar of Hurst is a director for Mary Kay cosmetics. She received her bachelor's degree in political science from Texas A&M University. While at TJC, Tonya participated in the student senate.

Jason B. Waller of Flint is working for the Smith County Sheriff's Department in a supervisory position as a criminalist. He received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from The University of Texas at Tyler. He received an award from the East Texas Peace Officer Association for outstanding forensic science work in law enforcement. While at TJC, Jason was in the Apache Band, Kappa Kappa Psi, student senate, and the TJC choir.

Devon (Searcy) Wiggins, of Bullard is a general accounting clerk at TJC graduated from The University of Texas at Tyler this spring with a bachelor's of business administration degree. Wiggins held one of the first Dean's Scholarships awarded at TJC.

1985

Scott Garner of Whitehouse received his bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Texas at Tyler in 1987. He and his wife, Shalon, have one daughter, Timber Alexandra. Scott works for the Trane Company. He was recently promoted to information technology team leader.

Chuck A. Sowders, II received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M University. He and his family live in Denver, Colorado where he works as regional manager for a company that sells fiber optic products. Chuck and his wife are the parents of two sets of twin boys.

Carla Thompson is a software consultant for Coopers and Lybrand in Dallas. She attended The University of Texas at Tyler and received her bachelor's degree in finance.

1986

Cheryee' Oberg-Kuhn of Grand Prairie is sales director with Mary Kay cosmetics.

Annette (Carroll) Luke, former Apache Belle, is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University with a bachelor's degree in education. Carrie is education coordinator/public relations for Life Line Home Nursing of Tyler. She is a graduate of The University of Texas at Tyler. While at TJC, Carrie was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was a presidential scholar. She and her husband, Ben, have a son, Christian Lee Luke.

Kimberly (Lasiter) Rind majored in advertising at Southern Methodist University. She is the mother of one son, John and lives in Plano. While at TJC, Kimberly participated in cheerleading and Sans Souci Sorority.

1987

Rea (Froneberger) McManus is a stay at home mother of one daughter, Meredith. She and her husband, Bill live in the country on a beautiful bayou in Cheneyville, Louisiana.

Mark D. Roberts, M.D. is an anesthesiologist at Scott and White Memorial Hospital, Temple. He received his bachelor's degree from Baylor University and doctorate from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Kimberly Vandiver works in automobile finance for Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp. She attended the University of North Texas and received her bachelor's degree in management. She was a cheerleader and a member of Sans Souci sorority while at TJC.

Audrea (Carroll) Weimer works in sales as a national account executive and in 1995, sold the second largest account in company history with revenues in excess of $50 million. She was presented with the 1995 Sterling Award for Achievements. She and her husband built a new home in Lewisville, Texas.

1988

Julianne (Green) Jordan is a teacher in Hawkins Independent School District. The former Apache Belle received a bachelor's degree in economics from Texas A&M University. She has a young son, Austin.

Lisa (Adams) Minyard of Winona is a dental hygienist with Dr. John Carter in Tyler. She has a son, Brett, and two daughters, Ashley and Lauren.

Kristi (Ball) Tucker of Henderson former TJC cheerleader, is a housewife and mother of two, Mason, 5 and Molly, 3. She is married to Mark Tucker, a former TJC student. Kristi received her bachelor's degree from Texas Woman's University.

Sherri (Davidson) Wilson is a housewife in Chandler. She is the mother of two children and is a former TJC cheerleader.

1989

Michelle (Smith) Huff is a home economics teacher at Bridge City High School. While attending TJC, Michelle was a cheerleader and member of student senate. She is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University.

Suzann (Hollard) Jones teaches freshman honors English at Midlothian High School and is also director of the MHS Pantherettes. A graduate of the University of North Texas, Suzann was Apache Belle head dance captain, voted most beautiful and freshman class secretary. Her husband, **Kevin** is a 1989 graduate of TJC.

Randy W. Knight of Wylie former cheerleader, has been a fireman/paramedic with the Dallas Fire Department for the past seven years. Randy has two children.

1990

Sharon (Mason) Thompson works for Gladewater County Line Independent School District. She attended the University of Texas at Tyler and received a degree in elementary education. She and her husband, David, are the parents of two children, John and Peety. Sharon worked with the assistant superintendent in the production of a $1 million grant proposal for fiber optic network for a consortium of 24 schools.

1991

Shannan (Marcontell) Reid married Russell Reid in May 1996. She works as the drill team director and dance instructor at Navasota High School. Shannan received her bachelor's degree in speech communications from Stephen F. Austin State University. She is a former Apache Belle and member of Harmony & Understanding.

Paige Schwinn is teaching elementary music in San Antonio and performing in the community. She is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University. Paige participated in Harmony & Understanding, the Chamber Singers, and was a resident assistant at TJC.

Don G. Wilson of Portsmouth, Virginia, an operations specialist in the U.S. Navy, was advanced to rank of E-4 and received the Navy Achievement Medal for superior performance. He was a member of PALS while at TJC.

1993

Charlie B. Rand of Tyler works for East Texas State Fair Association. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in agricultural education.

Tammie Rawls is a research associate for Pharmaco in Waco. She received her bachelor's degree in biology/pre-med from Baylor University. Tammie is a former Apache Belle, and was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Andrew N. Riley of Fort Worth received his bachelor's degree in biology from The University of Texas at Tyler. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in counseling at Southwestern Theological Seminary. Andrew was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the biology society, student senate, and was on the dean's list.

1994

Carrie (Jasper) Houser lives in Whitehouse with her husband and son, Cody. Carrie is education coordinator/public relations for Life Line Home Nursing of Tyler. She is a graduate of The University of the Texas at Tyler. Carrie was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was a presidential scholar.

1996

Chad M. Bowers of Garland is working as a structural steel detailer for Steel Tech. He is attending the University of Texas at Arlington, studying to be an engineer. While attending TJC, Chad participated in the Concert Chorus and Harmony & Understanding.

Elizabeth D. Hudson is one of four generations of her family to have graduated from TJC. Davi's grandfather, Dick Hudson finished in 1948 and her grandmother, Mary Hart Hudson in 1958. Her father, David Hudson, graduated in 1967 and also taught here and served in the Texas Legislature as State Representative.

Tina Stallings of Tyler, a Dean's scholar, now attending The University of Texas at Tyler, received a scholarship from The Order of United Commercial Travelers of America. She is an Interdisciplinary Studies major, specializing in special education.

Marriages

Larry Duane Hale and **Kimberly Clark**, '91, Lindale, TX ... **David Earl Laymance**, '93, and **Jill Ann Damron**, '95, Tyler, TX ... Michael James Shepherd and **Jenny Lyn Lamance**, '95, Denton, TX ... Craig Jackson and **Shichonda Ross**, '95, Red Springs, TX ... Lance Bailey and **Tracy Starnes** '90, Springdale, AR ... **James Randolph Allen**, '94, and **Lisa Dawn Honeycutt**, '96, Nacogdoches, TX ... Bradley Davis Andrews and **Jamie Kathleen Bower**, '88, Tyler, TX...**James Hardy Brunette**, '87, and **Yvette Luisa Ontiveroz**, '91, Tyler, TX ... **Dale Allen Campbell**, '85, and **Sheila Kay Stafford**, '93, Chapel Hill, TX ... **Jason Dwayne Carnes**, '93, and **Jamie Michelle Lusk**, New Chapel Hill, TX ... **Calvin Bryan Christopher**, '89, and Lorraine Key, Tyler, TX ... Larry Duane Hale and **Kimberly Clark**, '91, Lindale, TX ... **James Oliver Clark**, Jr., '95, and **Michelle Anne Santone**, '96, San Antonio, TX ... **Cameron Ross Clayton**, '96, and **April Tennille Tompkins**, Tyler, TX ... **Craig Reagan Conner** and **Stacey Jeanine Harrell**, '97, Whitehouse, TX ... **John R. Cook**, '91, and Kristine L. Forbes, Tyler, TX ... Joe Paul Meeks, Jr. and **Camille Carolyn Cummings**, '94, Tyler, TX ... **Anthony Wayne Davis**, '97, and Terri Lynne West, Whitehouse, TX ... **Jessie E. Dewberry** and **Vickie L. Goss**, '85, Tyler, TX ... **Jeff Douglas**, '97, and Jamie Gipson, Edom, TX ... Braylon Royce Taylor and **LaTonya LaNette Drumgoole**, '94, Tyler, TX ... **William Andrew Ginn**, '94, and Paula Marie Birkbichler, Tyler, TX ... Johnny Stewart Newsom and **Rebecca Lyn Goode**, '93, Quitman, TX ... **John T. Hart III**, '96, and **Karri Ann Baker**, Troup, TX ... **Sean DeWayne Irvin**, '96, and **Tracy Rae Gandy**, '96, Tyler, TX ... **Michael Anthony Jasper**, '82, and **Marsha Lynn Jones**, '94, Smith County, TX ... Michael James Shepherd and **Jenny Lyn Lamance**, '95, Denton, TX ... **Marty Lawrence** and **Jean Ann Cummings**, '90, Tyler, TX ... **David Earl Laymance**, '93, and **Jill Ann Damron**, '95, Tyler, TX ... Craig Jackson and **Shichonda Ross**, '95, Red Springs, TX ... Lance Bailey and **Tracy Starnes**, '90, Springdale, AR

Deaths

Homer M. Eikner, 85, of Tyler died on August 29, 1996. Eikner was a pioneer nurseryman and was a member of the TJC Board of Trustees for 16 years from 1956–1972.

Coline Morgan King, 79, died November 19, 1996 in a Tyler retirement center. King had lived most of her life in Tyler. She retired from TJC where she worked in the media area of the Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center.

Gertrude Buckley Windsor, 100, TJC benefactor died October 12, 1996. Windsor moved to Tyler with her husband in 1928. W. C. Windsor Plaza, named for her late husband, is a garden and mall area located between Genecov and Pirtle was funded by a gift from Mrs. Windsor. "I envision Windsor Plaza as being a place where students can rest, study and enjoy the beauty of flowers," said Mrs. Windsor at the plaza opening.

Windsor also established the nineteenth Presidential Scholarship in 1986.

Mary Jane Baker, 78, died in Tyler September 29, 1996. Baker served as a residence hall coordinator for 13 years and was beloved by students, faculty and staff.

Ray Bagwell, 66, instructor/director of social sciences for more than 29 years, died unexpectedly August 8, 1996. He received his bachelor's degree from Baylor University and his master's degree from East Texas State University. Bagwell lived most of his life in Tyler where he was active in the Pine Springs Baptist Church and St. John's Masonic Lodge. Survivors are his wife, Bonnie, and four children. A memorial scholarship was established in his name.

Dorothy Kite, 71, Tyler, died May 28, 1997 following a lengthy illness. Kite retired from TJC after 21 years on staff. She is survived by her husband, James and one son.

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was to come.

Bill Johnson, the man who played center on that team, was TJC's first All-America athlete. He went on to star with the San Francisco 49ers and then to coach the Cincinnati Bengals of the NFL.

In basketball Herb Richardson made All-America and then went on to coach national championship teams of his own.

Nor were our classrooms devoid of their champions. Two intellectuals went on to achieve worldwide acclaim.

Grady Hallman would become Dr. Grady Hallman, one of the world's great surgeons, an associate of Dr. Denton Cooley and a pioneer in heart surgery technique who would restore countless lives to useful productivity.

Bobby Ray Inman would advance through various facets of naval intelligence and become this nation's first four-star admiral to emerge from the intelligence branch. He would later become nominee for the post of United States Secretary of Defense.

A.C. Gentry would become one of the southwest's great watercolor artists, his work displayed at top galleries across the nation and featured in national publications.

Byron Tunnell would become highly influential in the political arena, eventually achieving the post of Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Jerry Bartos would become prominent in the city government of Dallas and one of the prime movers in the development of the Metroplex.

On a local level, Ben Fitzgerald would become one of the region's most productive real estate developers.

And geology student Harold Beaird would become chairman of the Tyler Junior College Board of Trustees.

Many classes and faculty staffs have come and gone since then, but it is hard to imagine that any has had a more profound effect than did those of 1946–48—especially when it is noted that during that period the student body never exceeded 256, and there were never more than 24 in faculty and administration.

Dick Johns

Back Page

by Pat Logan

Nostalgia

I once thought a person had to be "old" to experience nostalgia. But that's precisely the emotion the four-year-old was expressing when she sighed and said to her mother, "Every day gets to be a long time ago—even this one."

Nostalgia is appropriate for Tyler Junior College as it looks back on 70 years.

I came to TJC in 1973 as a part-time teacher. The most grueling thing I had to do was to be at the far side of the campus, ready to begin a class, in ten minutes. It was the Tech building and strange looking pipes and pieces of equipment lined the walls. The first day I marched in, attempting a self-confidence I did not feel, and unloaded about 16 books. I kept stumbling over the pipes as I tried to write on the chalkboard. Finally I mustered enough courage to glance up at the students: male, most veterans, regarding me with amused and cynical eyes and courteously attempting to hide the fact they had rather be anywhere except in a freshman English class.

When *Apache* Editor Dixie McCormick asked me to write a 70-year column, relating some of the old stories, I remarked that if she would protect me from libel, I could fill the whole magazine with some REALLY fascinating stories.

Undercover tales aside, TJC has an illustrious past. It has made junior college history in the U.S. And I, for one, am proud to be associated with it.

For the rest of this column, I am indebted to Mary Waldrop, retired liberal arts dean and former head of English, and to instructors Linda Cross and Bob Glover and their book published eleven years ago, *A History of Tyler Junior College 1926-1986.*

In the 60's before the greatest student growth when faculty and staff knew each other better, the English program enjoyed a certain "in" with Dr. Jenkins. This was largely due to the fact that every year the English folks would throw a big party in the Teepee, the old student union, with Dr. Jenkins as honored guest. Costumes on a lavish scale were constructed and Dr. Jenkins would always be "king;" for instance, he was the great god Zeus and the other guests came dressed as lesser gods and goddesses of Greek mythology.

The dramatics club, Las Mascaras, is the oldest organization on campus, being founded in 1926. Of the 93 students then enrolled in the whole college, 20 of them attended the first Las Mascaras meeting.

When Jenkins Hall opened in the fall of 1948, construction was not quite complete. Imagine the chagrin of all when the first chilly weather sent them scurrying to turn on the heating system only to find it had not been installed.

Dr. Jenkins maintained a strong conservative grip on the entire activities of the school. In the fall of 1970, three male students with long hair contested their right to enroll. I personally know the instructor who, on realizing that the students had been turned away, gave them a dime so they could call the civic authorities.

The local judge ruled in favor of the students, the Fifth Circuit Court in New Orleans upheld the decision, and the Supreme Court refused to hear the case.

The race issue was somewhat more peaceful. A black student enrolled in the nursing program in 1955 and ten days later withdrew her application. However, black students enrolled without incident in 1956, 1957 and on into the 1960's.

The facilities of Camp Fannin, classified as government surplus after the end of World War II, were moved to the present campus to become the vocational shop, gym, student union, cafeteria and athletic dorm.

A priceless aerial view of the campus was photographed in 1949. What we see is the main building, later to be named Jenkins Hall, the student union, Gentry Gym, and one small, lone, white house in the far corner. The streets were unpaved, there were no trees, and the grounds were utterly bare.

Dr. Jenkins was opposed to having women in the band, perhaps because he wanted to form a girls' drill team. Both band and drill team started in 1947–48, and so was born the Apache Roses, later to be called the Apache Belles. The scholastic Phi Theta Kappa began in 1930, the College Choir started in 1946, and the first journalism courses were added in 1952, though the forerunner of the *TJC News* had existed since 1927.

With alumni in every part of Texas and the nation, TJC pauses to indulge in a spot of nostalgia. But every institution looks both backward and forward: so the college moves on toward a hundredth anniversary, toward another 70 years, on into a future unfolding commencement by commencement.

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